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TO/C: Soviet Army Clothing Depot at Schoenebeck

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 18 February to 6 June 1952, no changes were observed in the activity at the Soviet Army clothing depot at Schoenebeck. Several shipments of obsolete winter clothing were dispatched to Bernau, while shipments with new summer uniforms arrived at the depot. The barracks housing the Soviet administration and the guard personnel were torn down about mid-May. The guard personnel was quartered in 11 tents and the administrative staff in a brick building.

It was expected that the entire depot would soon be transferred to the former Panzer Kaserne Koenigsborn, about 9 km southeast of Magdeburg, and that Captains Skarakhot (fmu) and Kovalev (fmu) had already left for the new location.

In the past weeks, shipments from Bernau had been directed to Koenigsborn, while articles of clothing needing repairs were still brought to Schoenebeck by truck. (1)

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2. The following items were repaired in the repair shop of the clothing depot during the period []

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<u>February</u>	554	uniform blouses
	1,200	uniform trousers
	31	tents
	340	pairs of boots

<u>March</u>	500	uniform blouses
	2,020	uniform trousers
	232	pairs of boots

<u>April</u>	1,300	uniform blouses
	64	tents
	225	pairs of boots

<u>May</u>	1,030	uniform blouses
	1,230	uniform trousers
	330	pairs of boots (2)

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3. On 27 May, [] in addition to contract No 13 of 8 February 1952 concluded with the repair shop, the items to be repaired will include 1,340 padded short jackets, 1,480 padded trousers, 300 pairs of boots, 11,350 fur caps and 150 tents. (3)

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4. The following motor vehicles were seen in traffic to, and from, the depot during the period of observation:

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18 February
21 February

truck of an artillery unit.
truck occupied by an MVD officer which picked up office supplies.

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1 March
7 March

truck of an artillery unit.
truck of an artillery unit, hauled items to be repaired and, subsequently, drove [redacted] to pick up a barrel of gasoline.

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12 March

truck carrying 1 officer and 18 men with field equipment; the truck came from the direction of Halle and, after a short stay, proceeded toward Magdeburg.

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Mid-March

truck of artillery Unit [redacted] stationed in Magdeburg-Neustadt.

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24 March

truck of an infantry unit.

26 March

truck of an artillery unit.

16 April

van-like truck of an artillery unit.

23 April

truck with tank trailer of a tank unit, came from the direction of Halle.

30 April

truck of an infantry unit.

5 May

truck of an infantry unit, came from the direction of Magdeburg.

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motor vehicle [redacted] from Schoenebeck-Salzelmen, occupied by Captain Grudana (fmu)

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[redacted] Comments.

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- (1) Information on the transfer of the Soviet Army clothing depot at Schoenebeck on the Elbe River to the Panzer Kaserne, Koenigsborn, is received for the first time. [redacted] substantiated by the observation that barracks were torn down. As no Soviet troops are stationed in Koenigsborn, it is possible that the depot is to move to the Panzer Kaserne. The reason for the move cannot be explained as the clothing depot at Schoenebeck is a well-furnished installation and had been used by the former German Army for the same purpose. No shipments from Bernau to Koenigsborn were contained in reports on rail movements. Colonel Barinov (fmu) is known as chief of the clothing depot and Captains Skarakhot (fmu) and Kovalov (fmu) are known as officers of the depot.

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Captain Grudana (fmu) of the tank repair shop in Schoenebeck on the Elbe River, [redacted] mentioned in paragraph 4 is reported for the first time.

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- (2) The production figures from February through May 1952 tend to indicate that the quota fixed for 1952 for various items has been considerably surpassed.

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For the production quota of 1952, see [redacted]. In this contract, allowance is made for additional orders.

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- (4) All motor vehicles belong to elements of the Third Shock Army.

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